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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of Superintendents and Gazetted Officers, communitywar in the Secretariat.

45 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of permanent Superintendents and Gazetted Officers in the Madras Secretariat on 1st January 1954 communitywar (i.e.), Brahmans, Non-Brahmans, Backward Classes, Muslims, Indian-Christians, Scheduled Castes, Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Jains?

A.—The number of permanent Superintendents and Gazetted Officers in the Madras Secretariat as on 1st January 1954 was as follows:—

	Superintendents.	Gazetted Officers.
Hindus other than Backward Classes.	65	21
Backward Classes	4	2
Muslims	8	..
Indian Christians	16	4
Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.	..	..
Europeans	..	..
Anglo-Indians	..	..
Jains	..	..

The particulars given above exclude officers of the Indian Civil Administrative Cadre, i.e., I.C.S. and I.A.S. Officers.

Rural Development Scheme.

46 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of villages and the number of persons who enjoy the benefits of the Rural Development Scheme in the State: and

(*b*) the amount of public money spent during 1952–53?

A.—(*a*) There are about 1,800 revenue villages in the 28 National Extension Service Development Blocks selected for 1953–54 covering a population of about 32 lakhs.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 30·46 lakhs was spent during 1952–53 under the former Rural Welfare Scheme now merged with the National Extension Service.

Loss on account of State aid to private industries.

47 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have incurred any loss on account of State aid to private industries during the last six years: and if so, how much; and

(*b*) which are the industrial concerns responsible for the loss?

A.—(*a*) No, Sir. The Government has not incurred any loss on account of State aid to private industries during the last six years.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Rural Water-supply Scheme for Cuddalore taluk.

48 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells dug so far in the Cuddalore taluk under the "Rural Water-supply Scheme" in the year 1951–52; and

(*b*) the total amount of money spent thereon?

A.—(*a*) Eight wells were dug in Cuddalore taluk in 1951–52, under the Rural Water-supply Scheme.

(*b*) The total expenditure on the rural water-supply works in the taluk during 1951–52 is Rs. 10,735.

Hospitals with no doctors.

49 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government and local fund hospitals where there are no doctors; and

(*b*) the number of villages in the State where there are no medical facilities?

A.—(*a*) Fifteen.

(*b*) No information is available.

Planting of trees in Cuddalore taluk.

50 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of trees planted in Cuddalore taluk under the Vanamahotsava scheme in the year 1952 and the total number of trees so planted now in existence?

A.—The information required by the hon. Member is as follows:—

Number of trees planted ...	7,342
Number of trees now in existence	1,835

Rural Water-supply Scheme for Kollegal taluk.

51 *Q.*—Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of wells dug and the amount spent over them in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore district, under the Rural Water-supply Scheme for the year 1950–51, 1951–52 and 1952–53?

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A.—The particulars regarding the number of wells sunk or deepened, and the amount spent over them, in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore district, under the Rural Water-supply Scheme, during the years 1950–51, 1951–52 and 1952–53, are furnished below :—

Year.		Number of wells.		Amount spent.
		Sunk.	Deepened or repaired.	
				RS.
1950–51	.. ..	2	..	7,530
1951–52	.. ..	...	8	8,443
1952–53	.. ..	..	1	401
Total	..	2	9	16,374

Total length of tarred roads in Coimbatore district.

52 *Q.*—Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the total length of the roads that have been tarred or asphalted in each taluk in the Coimbatore district?

A.—

Serial number and taluk.	*Government Roads.*	*District Board Road.*	*Total.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1 Coimbatore	29·4	2·0	31·4
2 Avanashi	52·7	..	52·7
3 Palladam	42·2	..	42·2
4 Pollachi	54·6	1·6	56·4
5 Udamalpet	35·4	..	35·4
6 Erode	50·4	3·5	54·1
7 Dharapuram	29·4½	..	29·4½
8 Bhavani	5·7	0·4	6·3
9 Gobichettipalayam ..	13·7	..	13·7
10 Kollegal	..	..	..

Particulars of staff employed in Lignite Project.

53 *Q.*—Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of Tamilians, Bengalis and other Non-Madrasis in the following categories employed in the Neiveli Lignite Mines :—

(*a*) Technical staff;
(*b*) Non-technical staff;
(*c*) Clerical staff;
(*d*) Manual workers;
(*e*) Lorry and Jeep drivers; and
(*f*) Attenders and peons.

A.—A statement [a] showing the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 84 infra.

Reversion of Tahsildars in South Arcot district.

54 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how many persons who have acted as Tahsildars, have been reverted to the posts of clerks in South Arcot district for want of vacancies since 1st October 1953?

A.—Three.

Issue of grazing permits for cattle in South Arcot district.

55 Q.—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were received from the ryots of Kallakurichi taluk, South Arcot district, in October 1953 for the issue of grazing permits for cattle above the quota fixed for the forests; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) No representation was received in October 1953.

Grant of loan to industries under the State Aid to Industries Act.

56 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount has been granted as loan under the State Aid to Industries Act since 1947 in the South Arcot district;

(b) the progress of the industries aided by the Government under the Act; and

(c) the amount repaid?

A.—(a) A loan of Rs. 10 lakhs has been granted to the Madras Vanaspathi Limited, Villupuram, under the Madras State Aid to Industries Act. It is the only concern in the district granted aid under the Act.

(b) The company has not yet commenced working.

(c) The amount repaid is nil.

Provision of burial-grounds for Harijans in South Arcot district.

57 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of burial-grounds and the extent of lands acquired and given to the Harijans in the year 1952 in South Arcot district?

A.—No lands were acquired for the purpose of provision of burial-grounds for the Harijans in the South Arcot district in the year 1952.

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Interest charged on loans granted to agriculturists.

58 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the different rates of interest charged by the Government on the various kinds of loans granted to agriculturists;

(*b*) whether there is any variation from year to year; and

(*c*) if so, the rates for three years from 1951–52 onwards for each kind of the loans?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government grant advances to cultivators for the following objects:—

(i) Land improvements.

(ii) Mulberry cultivation.

(iii) Pumping installations.

(iv) Purchase of agricultural implements and chemical fertilisers.

A uniform rate of interest is charged on advances to cultivators falling under the above items. The rate of interest on advances to cultivators is fixed every year with reference to the effective borrowing rate calculated by the Government on the loan operations conducted by them during that year. In the case of advances to cultivators, usually a margin of 1½ per cent is allowed over the effective borrowing rate during that year and the lending rate is fixed accordingly. This margin takes into account the cost of additional establishments employed on the work connected with the grant and recovery of loans, cost of time and labour spent on this work by the ordinary revenue staff, loss due to writes-off of irrecoverable arrears, and suspension of collection of instalments on loans, etc. There may be variation in the rate of interest from year to year, with reference to the changes in the effective borrowing rate of the Government. Generally the *final* rate of interest for the previous year is adopted as the *provisional* rate for the succeeding year in the beginning; and this provisional rate is either confirmed or revised during the year, with reference to the effective borrowing rate for that year.

(*c*) The rates of interest for advances to cultivators during the years 1951–52 to 1953–54 were as follows:—

Year. (1)	Provisional rate per cent. (2)	Final rate per cent. (3)
1951–52	**4½**	**5**
1952–53	**5**	**5½**
1953–54	**5½**	**(Orders not yet issued).**

MR. SPEAKER:—"Questions over."